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SUBJECT: SPARES FOR LIBYAN C-130'S

1. LOCKHEED'S TRIPOLI REP HAS TOLD US DEPT APPROVED RELEASE OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SPARE PARTS FOR EIGHT C-130'S NOW IN LIBYA AND ALSO APPROVED OBESE PLANES BEING OVERHAULED AT COMPANY'S PLANT IN GEORGIA. LOCKHEED TEAM HERE BELIEVES ITS FUTURE IN LIBYA IS MUCH BRIGHTER AS RESULT. THEIR CONTACTS IN LIBYAN AIR FORCE ARE PLEASED, BUT AT SAME TIME LIBYANS SUSPECT RELEASE OF ONLY SPARES IS INDICATION THEY WILL NOT GET WHOLE LOAF, I.E. PERMISSION TO EXPORT EIGHT NEW C-130'S IN MARIETTA. LIBYANS ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT SENDING PLANES TO U.S. FOR OVERHAUL FOR FEAR THAT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THEY MIGHT BE DETAINED BY USG. ACCORDING TO LOCKHEED REP, LARG IS NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SEND OLD C-130'S TO UK (MARSHALL'S) OR MARIETTA FOR OVERHAUL.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF CURRENT STATUS OF THESE ASPECTS OF C-130 ISSUE AND OF EIGHT NEW C-130'S, IN ORDER TO ASSESS REGIME'S REACTION. IN LIGHT OF QADHAFI'S CHARGE THAT U.S. HAS IMPOSED ARMS EMBARGO ON LIBYA (TRIPOLI 1206), WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE POINT OF RELEASE OF SPARES WITH MFA.

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